# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES FOR OLD AGED PATIENTS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to help the old-aged patients through Primary Health Centres in each district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh;and

(c) the funds allocated and released for the purpose?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) Yes. The Govt. of India has launched the National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) in 2010 to provide dedicated health care facilities to senior citizens (> 60 years of age) at all levels of health care delivery system including at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

(b) The National Programme for Health Care of Elderly provides for −

# Setting up Geriatric department in identified Regional Medical Institutes (RMIs) with OPD care services and 30 bed Geriatric ward for providing indoor services. PG Courses in Geriatric for developing Human Resource by the RMIs.

# Setting up of a 10 bedded Geriatric ward at the District Hospitals to provide indoor specialist services.

# Establishment of a Rehabilitation unit at all Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Geriatric clinic twice a week.

# Setting up weekly Geriatric clinic by trained Medical Officer at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

# Aids and Appliances at the sub-centers.

As on date, a total of 100 districts of 21 States and 8 Regional Medical Institutes have been covered under the Programme. Eight districts of Andhra Pradesh covered under the Programme are Nellore and Vijayanagaram in the year 2010-11 and Srikakulam, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Krishna, Kurnool and Prakasam in 2011-12.

(c) Statement showing funds released to the States and RMIs during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 till date, under NPHCE is annexed.